

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
June Regular Meeting
Park Office
June 21, 2006

7:00 PM Meeting called to order.

In Attendance: Terry Ball, Randy Wiesemeyer, Norm Beck, Jim Derby, Kevin Woodring, and Mary Kmetz.

Absent: Phil Loethen

Additions to the Agenda –
None

Approval of Minutes –

Motion: Approve May 10, 2006 Budget Meeting minutes. Randy/Mary 6-0 Ayes Roll call vote.

Motion: Approve May 10, 2006 Regular Meeting minutes. Jim/Randy 5-0-1 Ayes Kevin abstained. Roll call vote.

Thank you notes/Get Well –

We received a thank you from Eagle Scout Andrew Putz.

We received a thank you from Dan Eyrich's class for the presentation on tree care.

Friends of the Park – No one in attendance.

Correspondence – Nothing to mention.

Treasures Report –

\$394,734. in the bank.

Motion: Accept treasures report. Kevin/Jim 6-0 Ayes Roll call vote.

Pay Bills –

Bills totaling \$83,811.32 were reviewed.

Motion: Pay all bills for \$83,811.32. Randy/Terry 6-0 Ayes Roll Call Vote

Park Director Report – George Bryant

Relay for Life event – very successful. Good community event.

Park Christmas Decorations – George has talked with City Councilman Gerry Lanahan. Gerry is in charge of purchasing City decorations. George will meet with Gerry and his supplier to see if we can go in on a joint purchase and decorate the same. George wants to concentrate on elevated decorations this year as last year we had a lot of vandalism.

2006 Prevailing wage rates -

Motion: Approve Ordinance 2006-02. Terry/Mary 6-0 Ayes Roll call vote.

Recycling grants – Will be working on in the coming month. Checking with companies that do this type of program. Current trash hauler does not do commercial recycling. Interested in aluminum recycling.

Norm asked if we could get trash bags used in the trashcans in the park to cut down on smells in the summer. George said he would buy in bulk and put bags into use.

Lake Fountain Repairs – This work is completed.

Park Mapping – This is ongoing.

Gazebo Status – The Gazebo was dedicated last week. Norm said that he read only a few names in the paper relative to responsibility with the project. He handed out some information on who all donated and bought pavers. He said that the City put \$10,000 of tourism tax dollars into the project and was not named

in the paper. He said he wanted to make sure that this generous donation to the community was mentioned. He said that a lot of people and organizations were involved and wanted to make sure that all were recognized and thanked.

Art Under the Stars – a handout detailing all of the events was handed out to the commissioners.

Movie Night at the Park – This opens this Friday with the Wizard of Oz being shown shortly after 8:30 on the soccer fields on the 32 acres.

City handout – George handed out copies of the City handout put together by the Chamber of Commerce. It is very complimentary of the park with lots of pictures and the Park prominently featured.

Hot Button for Skateboard Park – George said that he is still investigating and getting input from other park districts. Belleville has one and gets a lot of false alarms. George said that he did not want to pursue at this point as it would be open for abuse.

Playground Mulch – This has been delivered and distributed around the park. Park code dictates how much should be used relative to depth and width. He said that we would need more to bring ourselves up to code. Norm said that he would expect to see more mulch purchased and distributed soon.

Ball Field Status – Infields – George said that we have begun aerating the fields. We are using the schools equipment. Spring is actually the best time to do aeration, but the school was busy using it on their fields then. George said that aeration opens up the soil so it can get a better root system. George said that we would see a difference in the grass in the fall. He told the board that we should consider purchasing our own aeration equipment.

Norm asked if this could be used on the grass infields.

George said that grass infields and a rec. baseball program do not fit well together.

Randy asked what it would cost to be able to water the grass infields.

George said that he would investigate this and let Randy know.

Fountains #3 and # 14 – George said that the fountain delivery was quoted at 6 to 8 weeks. We are still waiting for delivery.

IPARKS – We received a survey recently on the value of the park buildings.

Park Entrance Sign – Norm said that we do have the sign that was donated to the park and we need to decide where we want to place this. He said he also contacted Fetters about getting a bid on a different type of entrance sign at the park. He handed out different pictures of designs that he received showing proposals for the Riggin Road entrance.

Randy asked if this location would impede the planned walking path and or the trees planted there.

Norm said that it would and the path would need to be rerouted a few feet.

Norm said that he has been talking with George, Randy, and Fetters on this idea. Norm said that we have talked for several years about park entrance signs and have never done anything. He said that he wanted the entrance sign to make a statement. He said that he wants it to be massive and he doesn't think the sign that we have will do that and that he doesn't think the main entrance sign should be a "what's going on" type sign. He said that he was looking for a stone type natural signage.

George said that a natural sign would set the tone of what the park is all about. It is a marketing tool. It is not about information. It simply welcomes you grandly to the park.

Norm said that the proposals show flowers, but he wants to ensure that it be relatively maintenance free.

The proposal received from Fetters totals just over \$12,000. Norm asked how much we could spend without going out for bid.

Steve Giacometto said that the amount was \$20,000

Motion: Spend up to \$19,999 for entrance project design #1 as presented. Terry/Jim 6-0 Ayes

Director's comments –

George said he received a question about horseback riding in the park. He said that our park entrance sign says no horseback riding on the athletic fields. He said that he also didn't think it would be a good idea on the walking paths. He said that he would continue to recommend to the public that we not do this.

George said that the staff has replaced some tiles on the basketball court and is cleaning it. He said that we would try and repair the breaks in house.

TBSL – Terry Ball

Terry said that the TBSL season is in full swing and going well.

TSC –

No one in attendance

Financial – Phil

Phil was absent.

Athletics – Norm

Nothing to report.

Insurance – Kevin

Nothing to report.

Grounds – Jim

Jim asked what the status of the speed bumps was.

George said that they were due to deliver on July 20th.

Special Events – Mary

Motion: Approve the request to waive rental fees for the Troy Titans Football Club for Aug 5 through Sept 18 (Fields 1,2, and 3) and for Sep18 through Nov 23 (field 4). Mary/Randy 6-0 Ayes Roll call vote

Personnel & Safety – Terry

Nothing to report.

Beautification – Randy

Randy said that we need to spend some time and some money on the grass around #14 in the fall.

8:50 Motion: Adjourn the meeting. Kevin/Randy 6-0 Ayes

Submitted by

Terry Ball, Secretary